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1. The latest offer for all-Germany elections by the DP has brought forth no reactions from the HVA suggesting that any practical consideration has been given to even the remote contingency that the Soviet Army might evacuate Eastern Germany. 25X1A

2. General Inspekteur Karl-Heinz Hoffmann said that nobody should delude himself into thinking that even if Western Germany introduced general conscription, Eastern Germany would do likewise.

3. There has been a complete turn-about on HVA policy concerning personnel whose three-year contract is up. As a general rule they will now be discharged unless their superior Dienststellenleiter personally decides that they should be retained. However, all former HVA personnel will be registered and the HVA plans to recall them for temporary duty at set dates in order not to lose sight of them.

4. A recruiting campaign will be started in the very near future in order to provide replacements.

5. The information available on the forthcoming reorganization is still not conclusive, but the latest prevailing impression is that no major changes are contemplated. The most likely change is that there will be an increase in Bereitschaft company strength.

6. The Deputy General to the Chief of Staff, Inspekteur Fritz Leyher, has recently returned from an inspection tour. The purpose of his mission, which has been kept secret, was to select officer and administrative personnel with the qualifications for division staff positions. Leyher reported that there were not sufficient numbers of such personnel available. The inference which was drawn from this by usually well informed staff personnel was that a decision was made to postpone the activation of division staffs until after the return of the 150 HVA officers who are not undergoing one year of training in the USSR.

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7. A selective purge of former German Army officers now in key positions is under way. The standards of selection seem to be: imprisonment by the Western Allies, relatives living in Western Germany, former general officers. The grapevine has it that Hans von Weech, Hans Wulz and (fmu) Freytag are on the way out.* Heinrich Heitsch may replace Weech as chief of supplies. Former Lt. Gen. Rudolf Bamler, Chief of the Glocwen School, has been dismissed. It has been reported that ex-Berlin Police Chief Paul Markgraf is also on his way out.

* [REDACTED] Comment: Possibly Walter Freytag.

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